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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lilia HEIDER et al.

Serial No.: 09/821,683

Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky

Filed: March 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1745

Title: ACTIVE POSITIVE-ELECTRODE MATERIAL IN ELECTROCHEMICAL
CELLS, AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THESE MATERIALSCOMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCEMail Stop PGPUB
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the characterization of U.S. Patent No. 6,432,585, particularly its alleged disclosure of a coated tin core. Rather, applicants refer to pages 7-8 of their Reply After Final Rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2402.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REVOCATION AND GRANT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Docket No. 0029

Serial No.: See Appendix A
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Honorable Sir:

I hereby state that I am authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, EnGen Group, Inc., and state that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest of all patent applications listed on the attached Appendix A.

I hereby appoint:

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as attorneys to prosecute the applications as listed on Appendix A, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and any other Industrial Property protection office in any other country connected with all patent applications as listed on Appendix A. Applicant hereby revokes all other previous powers of attorney associated with the applications as listed on Appendix A.

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